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SUBJECT: LEAD POLLUTION AT EL PASO - JUAREZ

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1. DEPARTMENT RESPONDING ALONG FOLLOWING LINES TO NOTE
OF FEBRUARY 9 FROM MEXICAN EMBASSY PROPOSING MEETING
OF SPECIALISTS ON LEAD POLLUTION IN EL PASO-JUAREZ
AREA.

2. THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE
CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
EDUCATION AND WELFARE HAVE REVIEWED THE GENERAL
GUIDE FOR POLLUTION SAMPLING ENCLOSED WITH THE
EMBASSY'S NOTE. THEY REGARD THE PROPOSED GENERAL
METHODOLOGY AS AN EXCELLENT BASIS FOR A MEETING OF
SPECIALISTS FOR THE PURPOSES SUGGESTED. THEY POINT
OUT, HOWEVER, THAT PERHAPS SOME CONSIDERATION SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO DESIGNING THE JOINT STUDY IN PHASES

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SO THAT THE FIRST PHASE WOULD BE LIMITED TO
MEASUREMENTS OF BLOOD LEAD AND LEAD LEVELS IN DUST AND SOIL,

WITH FURTHER STUDIES TO BE GUIDED BY THE RESULTS OF
THE FIRST PHASE.

3. HAVING IN MIND THAT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

U.S.-MEXICO BORDER HEALTH ASSOCIATION WILL BE HELD
IN REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS, APRIL 16 TO 19, THE
DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE INTERESTED AGENCIES HOLD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS
ON THIS MATTER IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT MEETING.
THEY MIGHT AGREE AT THAT TIME ON A DATE AND PLACE
FOR THE MEETING PROPOSED BY THE EMBASSY.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE MEXICAN OFFICIALS. VANCE

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